COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)) CASE NO. 2003-00433)
AND	
AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ELECTRIC RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY)) CASE NO. 2003-00434

<u>ORDER</u>

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. Any response to the motions filed by Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") requesting correction of the rates appended to the June 30, 2004 Orders shall be filed no later than July 29, 2004.
- 2. An informal conference shall be held on August 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky for the purpose of establishing a procedural schedule for conducting discovery, filing testimony, and conducting an evidentiary hearing on the following issues:
- a. Whether LG&E or KU had improper *ex parte* contacts with Commission employees regarding these rate cases; and
- b. Whether the settlement negotiations that resulted in the Partial Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Recommendation were the product of collusion.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of July, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Robert a Smath for the Executive Director